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For: METHOD FOR FORMING PHOSPHOR LAYER OF GAS DISCHARGE TUBE AND  
METHOD FOR FABRICATING PHOSPHOR LAYER SUPPORTING MEMBER

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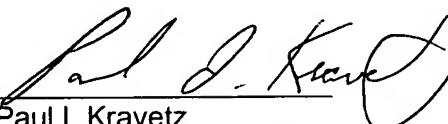
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Reference AG (JP 2003-86141) is the Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication corresponding to Japanese Application No. 2001-276941 referred to on page 2, line 4 of the specification.